स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने अपनी क्षेत्रीय स्वास्थ्य रिपोर्ट 1995 में कहा है कि पीत-ज्वर सहित कुछ विषाणु संक्रमण है जो पूर्वी अफ्रीका के तटीय भाग तथा कीनिया में हाल ही में पीत-ज्वर को महामारी के कारण वहां से दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया क्षेत्र में महामारी फैलने की क्षमता रखते हैं

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) महामारी वाले क्षेत्रों से आने वाले अथवा वहां से गुजरने वाले यात्रियों, सामान आदि के जरिए देश में आने वाले संक्रामक रोगों को रोकने के लिए प्रत्येक यात्री की व्यक्तिगत घोषणा की जांच की जाती है ताकि भारत में आने से पूर्व उसकी गतिविधियों का सत्यापन किया जा सके तथा यदि आवश्यक हो तो उसे संगरोधन में रखा जाता है। जैसा कि भारतीय पत्तन स्वास्थ्य नियमों 1955 तथा वायुयान (जन स्वास्थ्य), नियम 1954 में प्रावधान है।

Revival of the system of Licensing T.V. Sets

472. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee set up by the Ministry has suggested that the system of licensing T.V. sets be revived;

(b) whether Government have come to the conclusion that there is no more need to promote information and entertainment to the vast poor population in remote corners of the country;

(c) if so, whether any survey to ascertain the views of the people has been conducted, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government will explore other avenues of augmenting revenue?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Government do not propose to accept it.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to maximise its commercial revenue without compromising with its social and national objectives and the quality of its programmes.

Contesting elections by History Sheeters and Criminals

473. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial number of history sheeters and criminals had contested recently held elections in Uttar Pradesh making mockery of elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the electoral laws to prevent the history sheeters and other known hardened criminals to contest elections for the State legislatures and Parliament; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Section 8 (a) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 disqualifies a person on conviction for certain offences mentioned in the section. This section also provides that any persons convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment for not less than two years shall be disqualified from the date of such conviction and shall continue to be disqualified for a period of six years since his release. In view of these provisions, there is, at present, no proposal to amend election laws in this regard.